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Whitewater landfill has public hearing

Developer would divert waterway

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WHITEWATER TOWNSHIP — The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) will hold a public information session and hearing Thursday to get comments about a company's proposal to redirect a stream in the township that will run under the company's proposed landfill.

Miamiview Investments Inc. wants to construct a demolition debris landfill on land it owns along Ohio 128.

Some residents and the township trustees have opposed the landfill, but Thursday's hearing is being restricted to whether the company should get a permit for work that will affect the stream.

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"They want to channelize it, pipe it and have that piping exist under the future landfill," said Lynne Barst, OEPA spokeswoman, of the small, unnamed tributary of the Great Miami River.

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The hearing is 7 p.m. at Whitewater Township Senior Community Center, 6125 Dry Fork Road.

Miamiview proposes burying two 48-inch pipes to contain the flow of the tributary, and constructing two road crossings on the property.

OPINION

The OEPA permit is required because the changes could have an effect on the habitat of the stream and its water quality.

HELPSIDE

Miamiview Investments has already obtained an operating license from the Hamilton County Board of Health to construct the landfill on about 28 acres. An air emissions permit is under review by the OEPA. That permit involves the dust that would be kicked up at the landfill with trucks unloading debris.

Riley Kinman, an engineer with RNK Environmental Inc. in Erlanger, the engineering firm hired to do the construction design for the landfill, said it is not for solid waste garbage. It is for disposal of the debris associated with construction, rehabilitation and demolition projects.

"It would be used for the landfill initially," said Mr. Kinman. "Then this fill would be used to support light industrial buildings at a later date."

Ms. Barst said the permit is required because the tributary feeds into the Great Miami River.

"This feeds into that river and of course environmentally we're concerned that the quality of the water continues to be good," Ms. Barst said.

The landfill would hold such material as wood, glass, asphalt, piping, drywall, shingles, rocks and bricks.

Ms. Barst said the comments from the hearing will be considered and evaluated by the technical staff of the OEPA.

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Educational Programs available from NKSWMMA

Presentations about garbage are available from the NKSWMMA at local schools or group meetings. Garbage is a fun and interesting topic for any event. Three Educators are available to provide presentations on the 'ins and outs' of solid waste management—It's much more than just recycling.

Funding comes primarily from a grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation with match from many local cities. Nate Sturm says, "We're excited about garbage and you will be too!"

NKSWMMA Education Standards Packet Released

The Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Management Area has released education standards for solid waste. The Technical Advisory Committee is pursuing the priorities adopted by the Governing Body. One of the highest priorities has been education. They saw a need to standardize the content of educational programs. Dan Ziegler, an engineer from Cinergy and the TAC Chairman, feels that there are many myths about recycling and landfills. "We wanted to pull together a good, factual packet on the subject that does not continue to perpetuate myths."

The Solid Waste Education Standards packet was put together by a group of people from various interests such as the Conservation District, Campbell County Extension, several of the area's waste haulers, and Dr. Riley Kinman, Professor Emeritus at the University of Cincinnati—a known authority on solid waste management. The packet will be sent out to those who may be interested in conducting presentations about solid waste management. Nate Sturm, Northern Kentucky Solid Waste Coordinator, is proud of the information. "We really explored a lot of issues in developing this thing" Sturm said. The group agreed on seven basic tenets of solid waste education that need to be included in any effort to teach about solid waste management.

Anyone who teaches or is interested in teaching about solid waste management is encouraged to call Nate at 859-283-1885.